



St Peter's Church: Sunday

Mass time 10.30am.

St Augustine's Sunday

Mass time 8.45am.

St Joseph's Blampied –Next

Mass will be 21st of October
@ 6.00pm Saturday Vigil.

Word & Communion Service

Blampied on 7th of October
@ 9.00am Sunday.

Parish Staff:

Parish Priest: Fr Gary Jones

Parish Admin:

Leah Monaghan

Creswick School Principal:

Mr Terry Brennan

Daylesford School Principal:

Mr Ethan Corfee

Parish Office hours:

Creswick– Tuesday from
9.30am –11.00am

Daylesford– Tues from 12.00-
2.00pm; Wed 9.00am –3.00;

Thurs– 9.00am –until 11.30

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NEWSLETTER



Reflection 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

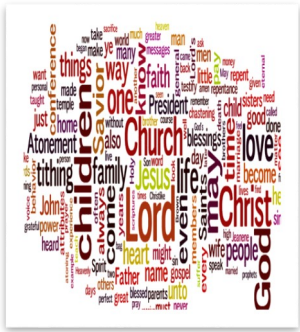
Charged with the rape and murder of a young woman, it only took the jury twenty minutes to return a guilty verdict for the three men in the dock. The courtroom erupted in cheers as the verdict was read out. As the men were being led out of the courtroom the mother of two of them ran toward the dock yelling, 'I think what you've done is despicable, but I want you to know that I love you.' Outside the courthouse, the media were expecting the parents of the victim to advocate capital punishment for the criminals. Instead, they said they wanted to forgive the perpetrators of this vicious crime. Everyone listened in disbelief.

No one at that courthouse was running away from the heinous nature of the crimes, nor from the punishment the men deserved, but the parents involved chose to focus on either love or forgiveness. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other seventy-seven times.

In the 5th Century St Augustine said that forgiveness was like a mother who has two wonderful daughters named justice and compassion. In using such a metaphor Augustine knew that forgiveness was not a once-off event, it was a process that involved other virtues as well. Jesus teaches a similar lesson in today's Gospel, where he uses the image of the King settling his debts. Because the King is just, compassionate and forgiving, he rightly expects that, in turn, his steward will be so as well.

It's easy to be forgiving in the big picture. We can preach strongly about war, peace and reconciliation. It's quite another to forgive those closest to us. Sometimes the hardest place to be compassionate and just is our own home. If we are not speaking to a husband, wife, child, parent, sibling or friend then today's Gospel has a strong challenge right where we live.

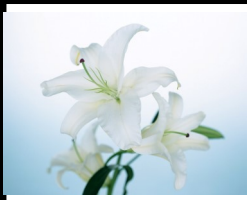
St Augustine's Pastoral Council and Finance team will be meeting this Monday evening at 7.30pm—School staff room.



Last Week's Collections: *Two collections are presented after the Prayers of the Faithful. The 1st Collection is cash toward the Presbytery for the sustenance of our Priest – with a contribution of 13% to provide support for our retired priests and the Diocese. The 2nd Collection is the Planned Giving (envelopes) or cash for the administration of the Parish & general running costs*

Creswick Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$226.45 2nd Collection \$112.00

Daylesford Parish Collections: 1st Collection \$280.50 2nd Collection \$704.00



Anniversaries: Daylesford: Joanna Andrews, Noel Callahan, Jean Pardon, Thelma Rodgers, Patrick Purcell, Catherine Brown, William Wilson, Joseph Rieniets

Creswick: Jill Calder, Bennetta Wellard, Mary Haintz, Francis Kennedy, Maria Danaher

CHURCH NEWS

Letter from Bishop Paul on marriage Bishop Paul has released a pastoral letter in which he offer some reflections about marriage, drawing on the writings of Pope Francis. Copies of the letter are available on **our Diocesan website**.

We have been invited to attend the **Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral** Bendigo, 8th October at 11am to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparition. A bus will leave Ballarat Cathedral at 8.45am. BYO Lunch.

To Book ring Joan 5338 2484 or Maureen 0431 273 953

Thank You– Sue Curwood:

To my Beloved Parish of St A's, Thank you for the marvellous send off last Sunday...and the overwhelm of all the thought, care and effort that went into the occasion. My heart leaves Creswick full to the brim! Sue xx

Liturgy Roster Creswick & Daylesford Parishes:



Sunday September 24th @ St Augustine's Creswick:

Cleaners: Sr Louise; **Welcomers/Offerory:** Phoebe, Jess, Steve;

Remote: Lois K; **Commentator:** Pat T; **Reader:** Carol V

Eucharistic Ministers: Josie R, Barb H, Judy S.

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Sunday September 24th @ St Peter's Daylesford:

Reader: S Whiffin **Commentator:** L Righetti **Offertory:** B Capes, J McEwen

Ministers: D Leonard, M Bruce, C Collins **Sacristan:** Kath

Counters: Sept 17th (Team 1) L & M Righetti

Sept 24th (Team 2) J Egan, C Collins

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